

REMARKS

In the June 6, 2006 Office Action, claims 24 and 25 were rejected, and claims 1-23, 26-34 were allowed. This Response cancels claims 24 and 25, without prejudice or disclaimer. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-23 and 26-34 (32 total claims; 5 independent claims; no additional claim fees due) remain pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 24 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Martinez et al., USPN 3,863,176. The cancellation of claims 24 and 25 renders this rejection moot. Moreover, the Office Action indicated that all remaining claims in this application (claims 1-23 and 26-34) are allowable. Therefore, Applicant anticipates a Notice of Allowance for this application. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at (480) 385-5060.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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